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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR EG CD NI LY FR  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF EGYPTIAN MINSTATE TO CHAD

SUMMARY: EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO CHAD JUNE 4 FOUND  
SEBHA NEGOTIATIONS SIDETRACKED BY LIBYAN-FRENCH IMPASSE  
OVER WHETHER FRENCH TROOPS SHOULD DEPART CHAD BEFORE OR  
AFTER FROLINAT FORCES RETIRE TO MARCH CEASEFIRE LINE.  
EGYPTIANS SEE ULTIMATE SECURITY OF CHAD RESTING UPON  
REGIONAL RATHER THAN ARRANGEMENTS WITH EX-COLONIAL POWER.  
END SUMMARY.

1. MFA AFRICA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AHMED SIDQI, WHO  
ACCOMPANIED MFA MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI ON JUNE 4 VISIT  
TO CHAD, COMMENTED TO EMBOFFS JUNE 19 THAT RECENT DEVELOP-  
MENTS IN CHAD HAVE DERAILED SEBHA PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

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GHALI ARRIVED IN NDJAMENA CARRYING MESSAGE FROM SUDANESE  
VP ABD AL QASIM IBRAHIM PROPOSING SEBHA MILITARY COM-  
MISSION MEETINGS BE TRANSFERRED FROM LIBYA TO KHARTOUM.  
GHALI WAS TOLD BY FRENCH AND CHADIANS, APPARENTLY HVATB  
NDJAMENA BUT POSSIBLY LATER, THAT SECRET JALLOUD TRIP  
TO PARIS IN EARLY JUNE HAD ENDED WHAT CHANCE THERE WAS  
FOR SUCCESSFUL SEBHA NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO SIDQI SOURCES, JALLOUDD PROPOSED TO FRENCH THAT, IF FRENCH WITHDREW THEIR MILITARY FORCES FROM CHAD, LIBYANS WOULD INSURE THAT FROLINAT FORCES RETIRE BEHIND MARCH 1978 CEASEFIRE LINES. FRENCH REPORTEDLY REJECTED JALLOUDD OFFER, INSTEAD PROPOSING THAT, AFTER FROLINAT FORCES HAD WITHDRAWN BEHIND MARCH LINES, FRENCH WOULD INTRODUCE TIMETABLE FOR GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH FORCES IN CHAD, ACCOMPANIED BY EVENTUAL EXPANSION OF CURRENT CHADIAN GOVERNMENT, DOMINATED BY SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, INTO EXPANDED GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

3. SIDQI OPINED THAT THIS FRANCO-LIBYAN IMPASSE STALLS ANY RESOLUTION OF CHADIAN INSURGENCY FOR THE MOMENT, ALTHOUGH RECENT FRENCH/CHADIAN VICTORIES HAVE REDUCED ATMOSPHERE OF CRISIS IN NDJAMENA. EGYPTIANS BELIEVE THAT, OVER LONG RUN, CHADIANS SHOULD TRY TO REPLACE FRENCH FORCES BY REGIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING NIGERIA. SIDQI NOTED THAT NIGERIANS ARE NERVOUS ABOUT ISLAM-CONNECTED LIBYAN MEDDLING IN AFRICA, BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN NIGERIA, AND WOULD CONSIDER A STABILIZING ROLE IN CHAD IF CHAD WERE NOT SO CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH EX-COLONIAL FRENCH. MINSTATE GHALI FOUND CHADIAN PRESIDENT MALLOUM FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD RE-

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GIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHAD, WHICH AT ANY RATE EXISTS IN DORMANT STATE UNDER CHARTER OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION OF WEST AFRICAN STATES, BUT EGYPTIANS REALIZE THAT CHADIAN RELIANCE ON REGIONAL STATES FOR HELP AGAINST LIBYANS IS A LONG TERM GOAL. EILTS

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